Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A therapeutic and/or preventive agent for defecation dysfunction, which comprises as an active ingredient a compound of Formula (1) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof:

(wherein R_1 represents a C_1 - C_6 alkyl group and R_2 represents a C_1 - C_6 alkyl group).

- 2. (Original) The therapeutic and/or preventive agent for defecation dysfunction according to claim 1, wherein R_1 is an isopropyl group.
- 3. (Currently Amended) The therapeutic and/or preventive agent for defecation dysfunction according to claim 1—or 2, wherein R_2 is a methyl group.
- 4. (Original) The therapeutic and/or preventive agent for defecation dysfunction according to claim 1, wherein defecation dysfunction is constipation.
- 5. (Original) The therapeutic and/or preventive agent for defecation dysfunction according to claim 4, wherein defecation dysfunction is analgesic-induced constipation, including morphine-induced constipation.
- 6. (Original) The therapeutic and/or preventive agent for defecation dysfunction according to claim 4, wherein defecation dysfunction is functional constipation.
- 7. (Original) The therapeutic and/or preventive agent for defecation dysfunction according to claim 6, wherein defecation dysfunction is constipation associated with irritable bowel syndrome, atonic constipation, rectal constipation or chronic constipation.

- 8. (Original) The therapeutic and/or preventive agent for defecation dysfunction according to claim 4, wherein defecation dysfunction is senile constipation.
- 9. (Currently Amended) The therapeutic and/or preventive agent for defecation dysfunction according to any one of claims 1—to—8, wherein the agent accelerates normal defecation.
- 10. (Currently Amended) A method for treating and/or preventing defecation dysfunction in a patient with defecation dysfunction, which comprises administering to the patient, the therapeutic and/or preventive agent for defecation dysfunction according to any one of claims 1—to 9 in doses sufficient to treat and/or prevent defecation dysfunction in the patient.
- 11. (New) The therapeutic and/or preventive agent for defecation dysfunction according to claim 2, wherein R_2 is a methyl group.
- 12. (New) A method for treating and/or preventing defecation dysfunction in a patient with defecation dysfunction, which comprises administering to the patient, the therapeutic and/or preventive agent for defecation dysfunction according to claim 2 in doses sufficient to treat and/or prevent defecation dysfunction in the patient.
- 13. (New) A method for treating and/or preventing defecation dysfunction in a patient with defecation

dysfunction, which comprises administering to the patient, the therapeutic and/or preventive agent for defecation dysfunction according to claim 3 in doses sufficient to treat and/or prevent defecation dysfunction in the patient.

- 14. (New) A method for treating and/or preventing defecation dysfunction in a patient with defecation dysfunction, which comprises administering to the patient, the therapeutic and/or preventive agent for defecation dysfunction according to claim 4 in doses sufficient to treat and/or prevent defecation dysfunction in the patient.
- 15. (New) A method for treating and/or preventing defecation dysfunction in a patient with defecation dysfunction, which comprises administering to the patient, the therapeutic and/or preventive agent for defecation dysfunction according to claim 5 in doses sufficient to treat and/or prevent defecation dysfunction in the patient.
- 16. (New) A method for treating and/or preventing defecation dysfunction in a patient with defecation dysfunction, which comprises administering to the patient, the therapeutic and/or preventive agent for defecation dysfunction according to claim 6 in doses sufficient to treat and/or prevent defecation dysfunction in the patient.
- 17. (New) A method for treating and/or preventing defecation dysfunction in a patient with defecation dysfunction, which comprises administering to the patient, the therapeutic and/or preventive agent for defecation dysfunction

according to claim 7 in doses sufficient to treat and/or prevent defecation dysfunction in the patient.

- 18. (New) A method for treating and/or preventing defecation dysfunction in a patient with defecation dysfunction, which comprises administering to the patient, the therapeutic and/or preventive agent for defecation dysfunction according to claim 8 in doses sufficient to treat and/or prevent defecation dysfunction in the patient.
- 19. (New) A method for treating and/or preventing defecation dysfunction in a patient with defecation dysfunction, which comprises administering to the patient, the therapeutic and/or preventive agent for defecation dysfunction according to claim 9 in doses sufficient to treat and/or prevent defecation dysfunction in the patient.
- 20. (New) A method for treating and/or preventing defecation dysfunction in a patient with defecation dysfunction, which comprises administering to the patient, the therapeutic and/or preventive agent for defecation dysfunction according to claim 11 in doses sufficient to treat and/or prevent defecation dysfunction in the patient.